

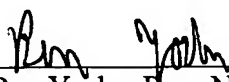
REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 41 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras in view of Jouppi and further in view of Onishi. The Examiner rejected claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-20, 22-26, 28-30, 32-36, 38-40, 42-46, 48-50, 52-56 and 58-66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras in view of Jouppi in further view of Onishi and further in view of Ben-Shachar. The Applicant had amended the claims to recite an arbitrator that provides a message that is displayed by a remote station monitor. Dependent claims further qualify the message as either a notification or a call back. As discussed on page 19 of the above entitled application, a notification may inform either a present user or requesting user that another has, or wants, access to the robot. The call back message informs the user that the robot can be accessed, by way of example, a family user may receive an email message that the robot is free for usage. None of the references either alone or in combination disclose a robot system with first and second remote stations and an arbitrator that provides a message such as a notification or call back, that is displayed by a remote station monitor. Ben-Shachar does not disclose messages that are displayed on a monitor that can be reviewed by a user. Ben-Shachar discloses electrical signals and commands that are only interpreted by electronic systems, not a viewer. None of the references disclose a message that is displayed by a remote station monitor that provides feedback to a user seeking access to a remotely controlled robot. The Applicant submits that the claims are patentably distinct from the combination of Aras, Jouppi, Onishi and Ben-Shachar.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-22, 26-30, and 61-63 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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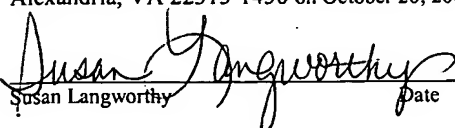
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